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SUBJ: PRESS GUIDANCE

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. IRRESPONSIBLE SOURCES IN ISRAEL TODAY HAVE BEGUN TO AIR
SPECULATIVE PRESS STORIES THAT USG HAS GIVEN GOI A COMMITMENT
AS PART OF THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT THAT SYRIAN WILL PREVENT
PALESTINIAN TERRORIST ACTIONS AGAINST ISRAEL.

2. POST SHOULD KNOW THAT SUCH STORIES ARE SPECULATIVE. PAINFUL
THOUGH THEY ARE HERE--PARTICULARLY SINCE AGREEMENT
IS NOT YET SIGNED--THEY WERE NOT COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED.
THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL GOI CONFIRMATION OF SUCH STORIES
AND WE ARE EXHORTING ISRAELI OFFICIALS TO EXERT CONTROL OVER
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3. IMPACT OF THESE STORIES IN DAMASCUS CANNOT BE UNDERESTIMATED
AND WE ARE INDEAVORING TO ASSURE SYRIA THAT THEY MAY EVEN BE
STIMULATED BY FORCES IN ISRAEL WITH MOTIVE OF KILLING
AGREEMENT. IT IS, THEREFORE, IMPORTANT THAT ADDRESSEES SHOULD
SEE THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT UNNECESSARILY PROVOKED.
YOU SHOULD INDICATE, IN RESPONSE TO PRIVATE INQUIRIES, THAT SUCH
STORIES ARE SPECULATIVE. IF YOU BELIEVE IT HELPS, YOU CAN ALSO
SAY THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW, AND IT WILL BE
SEEN THERE IS NO REFERENCE TO TERRORIST PROBLEMS IN AGREEMENT.
YOU SHOULD MAKE NO FURTHER COMMENTS.
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